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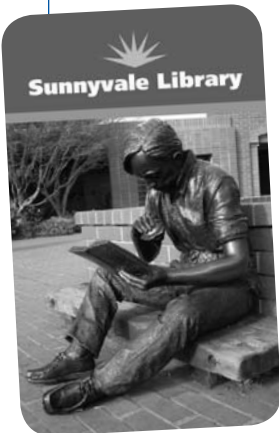
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A Sunnyvale Library Newsletter Exclusively for Teachers

Field Trips to the Library

A visit to the public library can be an eye-opening experience for students of any age. Young children are often amazed by “all those books”, or because the librarian helps them to find just the right book. Older students can be empowered by learning to use the library’s online catalog or databases, which are available from home or school as well as in the library. Schedule a field trip for your class by calling (408) 730-7292. Visits

usually include an age-appropriate tour and information about the library, stories or book talks, and suggestions for using library resources. If your class is working on a special project, librarians can include information on relevant materials. We hope to see you at the library!



Online Homework Help Available through the Library

Find out what more than 800 Sunnyvale students used last year to help them complete their homework and improve their grades!

“I love the fact that there’s a real person waiting to help you...” “What would the world do w/o nice ppl like the tutors here?” “U guys are so encouraging! Often, funny! I love that!” These are comments from Sunnyvale students who have used the free online homework assistance provided by experts at Tutor.com and accessible from the Sunnyvale Public Library’s Web site at www.sunnyvalelibrary.org. Click on the Teens channel and then on Live Homework Help. Students in grades 4 and up will be matched up with a tutor knowledgeable in the appropriate subject who will communicate through live chat, file-sharing, and white-board technology.

Tutoring help is available from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Help is also available in Spanish between

Sunday and Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Both PC and Mac users can access this service, although there are specific technical requirements for each. If you would like a librarian from the Sunnyvale Public Library to visit your school to demonstrate this wonderful resource, please call the Children’s Desk at (408) 730-7292. The Sunnyvale Public Library is able to offer this service through a grant received from the California State Library.

Did You Know?

You can now apply for a library card online! And did you also know we can mail library card applications (in English and Spanish) to your school? It’s a great way to encourage your students to get a library card. Give us a call at (408) 730-7292 to request some applications.

Tips for Teachers

Before you send your students to the library to complete an assignment, please take note of the following suggestions:

- Visit the library or the library’s on-line catalog so you are aware of the type and quantity of the materials in the library’s collection that will support the assignment.
- Notify the library in advance of major assignments by telephone (408) 730-7292, or e-mail childref@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us
- Give your students a print copy of assignments
- Allow some flexibility in the number of pages required for a book

so that your students will have a wider range of choices

- If you prepare a summer reading list for students, send a copy to us by early May so that we can be prepared with extra copies of the titles you are requiring



PUBLIC LIBRARY CONNECTION

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World Book Encyclopedia Online and More!

The Library is now pleased to offer World Book online, including all the articles from the 22-volume print set along with 7,000 links to editor-approved Web sites. Additional features include a Spanish language encyclopedia and a Research Center with over 5,000 e-Books and thousands of primary source documents. The easily searchable World Book Kids is designed especially for younger users, reluctant readers, or English-language learners. Of particular interest to teachers are links to lesson plans, curriculum standards, and professional resources.

Students will also benefit from Learning Express Library which offers practice tests online and two History Resource Centers, one for world and one for U.S. history. Most databases are accessible from your home or school computer, although some require a library card number.

Sunnyvale Public Library

665 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Library Hours

Monday–Thursday	10am–9pm
Friday & Saturday	10am–6pm
Sunday	12pm–8pm

Book and media drops are located outside the Library for after-hours returns.

Telephone Numbers

	Area Code
Borrowers' Records	(408) 730-2748
Children's & Teen Services	(408) 730-7292
Deaf Access: TDD/TTY	(408) 730-7501
Dial-A-Story (English)	(408) 730-7333
Dial-A-Story (Spanish)	(408) 737-4907
Information & Reference	(408) 730-7300
Library Cards	(408) 730-2748
Library Administration	(408) 730-7316
Overdue Materials	(408) 730-7309
Renewals (Automated)	(408) 730-7310
Special Outreach Services	(408) 730-7306

Library Web Site

www.sunnyvalelibrary.org

Voters to Decide on the Future Growth of the Sunnyvale Library

Sunnyvale's Library of the Future Project

What are the plans? City Council has approved a plan for a new library to be located near City Hall at Olive Avenue and Charles Street. Building a branch library will be studied in the future. A bond measure has been placed on the November 6, 2007, ballot to fund the construction of the new library. If the measure is approved by 2/3 of Sunnyvale voters, construction of the approximately 116,000 square foot library would begin next year and the new Sunnyvale Public Library would open in 2011. The design would maintain the community garden in its present location if possible, taking into account the various project requirements and site opportunities for the library.

What will it cost? The library bond measure will authorize \$108 million for library construction. Commercial and residential property owners would be assessed an average of \$19.52 per \$100,000 of assessed value (not market value) per year for 30 years to pay off the bond. Bond revenue may only be used to pay for construction costs, but may not be used for operational costs. The City estimates \$2.2 million will be needed annually to operate a new library. To date, any opposition to the project that the City is aware of has cited the cost of the new Library as a concern. Supporters assert that the new Library will meet the needs of Sunnyvale's population.

Sunnyvale Library of the Future Project Highlights

① A larger, modern library to meet the needs of our growing population. The existing library was built in 1960 and since then, Sunnyvale's population

has more than doubled. Sunnyvale Library has become one of the busiest in the state with 2.2 million checkouts in 2006 and approximately 2,220 visits per day.

② Green-designed, carbon-neutral and certified LEED Platinum. LEED Platinum is the highest designation in the point system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. The library will be environmentally sustainable and have advanced, energy efficient features.

③ Expanded spaces to meet the educational needs of Sunnyvale's children. A conceptual design approved by City Council has more space than the existing library for a children's reading room and is intended to provide room for educational programs, such as computer classes, homework assistance, tutoring and group study.

④ Upgraded and modernized plumbing, ventilation, heating and electrical systems. Much of the physical infrastructure of the current facility is 50 years old. New infrastructure is needed to ensure the library can provide expanded and wireless technology, upgraded computer labs and other research technologies.

⑤ Opportunity to expand and upgrade the library's collection. The conceptual design for a new library would provide Sunnyvale residents access to more books, CDs, DVDs and downloadable material.

For more information about Sunnyvale's Library of the Future Project, please visit LibraryoftheFuture.inSunnyvale.com.

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